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In the fall of 1949 a Peiping businessman was reported to the police by his servants and jailed for gambling following a poker game with friends in his home. During the first few weeks of his six months' sentence the man was forced to sweep the streets. After three weeks the police informed him that since he had shown himself to be a "progressive" by cleaning the jail bathroom on his own initiative, he would be released after serving 30 days.

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Comment. The infuriated businessman moved himself and his family to Hong Kong, and while he was indifferent to politics and not unsympathetic to the Communists prior to this incident, he is now their vociferous and implacable foe. It is his opinion that by actions of this kind the Communists are greatly increasing dissatisfaction in Peiping.

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